

Town of Harpswell  
COMMERCIAL TRASH HAULER RULES  
Adopted May 13, 1999 by the Board of Selectmen  
Amended March 29, 2007 by the Board of Selectmen

The Rules below are established pursuant to Section 3 of the Harpswell Solid Waste Ordinance adopted March 18, 1989, as amended March 11, 1995 and March 10, 2007

Purpose: The purposes of these rules are to regulate the amount of trash entering the A. Dennis Moore Recycling Center & Transfer Station, to ensure the integrity of such trash, and to encourage and increase recycling among all the residents of the Town.

Definition: A “commercial hauler” means any hauler that is compensated for hauling solid waste or that hauls commercially generated solid waste.

Rules: As ordered, all commercial trash haulers must abide by the following rules.

1. **Town of Harpswell Only.** A commercial trash hauler may only leave trash generated in the Town of Harpswell at A. Dennis Moore Recycling Center & Transfer Station. Any hauler found leaving trash generated in any community other than Harpswell may be barred from the facility and will be subject to penalties listed in Section 9 of the Harpswell Solid Waste Ordinance.
2. **Compaction Trucks.** Compaction trucks will not be allowed to dump trash into the designated receptacles.
3. **Containment and Covering.** All trash picked up and taken to the A. Dennis Moore Recycling Center & Transfer Station shall be properly contained, (1) in covered containers or bags, (2) in enclosed vehicles including containers, or (3) in open-body vehicles with the load secured to prevent spillage. All loads of refuse on Town roadways shall be secured or covered at all times to prevent littering. The purpose is to help with further compaction, emptying, and general cleanliness of the area.
4. **Litter.** Any litter left by a commercial trash hauler (i.e. trash not properly left in a designated receptacle) shall be the responsibility of that hauler to pick up before leaving the Recycling Center. Failure to comply exposes the hauler to litter penalties under Maine Statute.
5. **Open Hours.** Commercial haulers shall utilize the A. Dennis Moore Recycling Center & Transfer Station only during the posted open hours. Access other than through the opened gate at the recycling center is prohibited. Violation of this policy may result in suspension from hauling to the A. Dennis Moore Recycling Center & Transfer Station for a 1-year period.

6. **Mandatory Recycling.** Each commercial trash hauler is required to participate on behalf of its customers in the Harpswell recycling program. In general, refuse disposed of in the designated receptacles shall not include material that can be recycled. In the event haulers pick up recyclable materials from their customers, said recyclable materials will be placed in the appropriate recycling containers, separated by type, and in such condition as to be accepted by the Town. In the event a material amount of recyclable materials is found in a commercial hauler's load, the attendant or inspector will reject the entire load and the hauler will be subject to the penalties set forth in Section 9 of the Harpswell Solid Waste Ordinance.
7. **Subject to Inspection.** All commercial haulers' trash is subject to inspection by the Manager of the A. Dennis Moore Recycling Center & Transfer Station, the attendant, the Selectmen, or their designees. The inspector shall make him or herself known to the commercial hauler at the recycling center. The inspector may open bags of trash and examine the contents to ensure they do not include recyclable materials and that they originate in the Town of Harpswell.
8. **Penalties and Enforcement.** Failure to comply with these rules may subject the violator to such penalties as the Selectmen determine, as provided in the Solid Waste Ordinance, in addition to suspension or permanent revocation of the commercial hauler's permit to deposit solid waste at the A. Dennis Moore Recycling Center & Transfer Station.